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MEMORANDUM TO: CLERKS, UNITED STATES COURTS

**SUBJECT: Application of the Document Cap on Electronic Public Access Fees
(INFORMATION)**

I am pleased to inform you that the document cap on fees for electronic public access will be applied to all electronic case file documents in the judiciary, including those from locally-developed imaging systems, effective immediately.

The current Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fee Schedule imposes a charge of seven cents per page for Internet access to electronic data obtained from the public dockets of individual case records. At its March 2002 session, the Judicial Conference approved a limit of \$2.10 on the charges associated with any case file document obtained from CM/ECF. This limit has been built into the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system. In addition, the PACER Service Center has developed a procedure to apply the cap to electronic documents obtained from the Web PACER applications, the RACER application and the various locally-developed imaging systems in the courts.

The cap will be applied as part of the regular PACER billing process. Individual courts need not do anything to activate the new procedure, although I encourage you to notify your user communities of this change and of the savings afforded by the new policy.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 502-1500, or Ted Willmann, PACER Service Center Manager at (210) 301-6444 or by email at Ted Willmann/DCA/AO/USCOURTS.

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